REVENUE (1948) Department.

SERIES

G.O. No. 2397

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PROHIBITION - Working of the Act - June 1948 - Board's report - Recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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PROHIBITION - Working of the Act - Report for June 1948.

The following report on the working of Prohibition during June 1948 in the sixteen districts where it is now in force is published for information.

I. Enforcement:-The total number of cases detected during the month in all the 16 Prohibition districts was 5358 as against 4873 cases detected during the previous month. There was an increase in the number of cases detected in the districts of Anantapur, Salem, Coimbatore, North Arcot, Chittoor, Guntur, the Nilgiris, Tanjore, Tiruchirappalli and Madura and a decrease in the districts of Cuddapah, South Kanara and Malabar. Of the total number of cases reported in the 16 districts 2535 cases related to illicit distillation and kindred offences as against 2233 cases reported during the previous month. There were 65 cases of illicit tapping for fermented toddy and 22 cases of tapping of sweet toddy without licences during the month as against 95 and 50 cases respectively during the previous month. The number of cases of smuggling of liquor from outside the Province increased from 47 to 60 during the month while the number of cases relating to intoxicating drugs decreased from 180 to 168.

Non-Official Co-operation:- The Village and Taluk Prohibition Committees were not of much help to the endorcement staff in the detection of crime during the month. Only 10 cases were detected by the members of the Committees and 17 cases at their instance.

II. Ameliorative work, Rural Recreation:- The Rural Welfare Officers and Assistant Rural Welfare Officers conducted rural games in 1,487 villages, 49 firka tournaments and 5 taluk tournaments were held during the month.

Bhajanas, Harikathas etc.: Bhajanas, Harikathas and Kalashepams were held in 1,463 villages during the month. Folk dances or cinema shows were held in 548 villages at the instance of the ameliorative staff. The ballad singers arranged community singing in 313 villages and trained 2,394 villagers. Dramas are gaining in popularity in most of the villages in the districts. The propaganda vans which toured the Prohibition districts exhibiting films attracted large crowds in the villages visited by them.

GRAMASANGAMS: 328 Gramasangams were organised during the month as against 283 gramasangams during the previous month. Out of the Gramasangams formed till the end of the month 6295 gramasangams were active during the month and continued to do good work in the direction of education, rural water supply, sanitation, medical aid and rural amusement.

THRIFT: A total sum of rupees 20,689 was saved in Hundi boxes during the month as against a sum of Rs.31,635 during the previous month.

ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR EX-TAPPERS: In Madura 3 coir workers Societies were registered during the month. A land colonisation society was organised in Anantapur for 50 ex-tappers of Doddaghatta. A cattle breeding society was organised in each of the districts of Chittor and Tanjore and another society was registered in Anantapur district. Milk supply societies were started in Bellary and Anantapur districts. 482 Jaggery manufacturing societies were organised till the end of the month in 12 out of the 16 prohibition districts. The number of members in the socieites was 36,178. 31,640 maunds of jaggery worh Rs.1,08,879 were produced during the month.

UPLIFT OF WOMEN: The Department of Women's Welfare continued to do useful work in the Prohibition districts by teaching needlework, first aid etc.

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